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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: US-GREEK BASE NEGOTIATIONS: HELLENIKON

REF: ATHENS 1280

1. YOU MAY INFORM GREEK NEGOTIATORS THAT WE APPRECIATE EFFORT THEY HAVE MADE TO MEET US HALFWAY ON HELLENIKON ISSUE AND, IN CONSIDERATION OF THIS FACT, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 11 (REFTEL). OUR AGREEMENT IS PREDICATED ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT ALL ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO CONTINUE ON THE BASE OR ELSEWHERE IN ATHENS, WITH APPROXIMATELY 1,050 US PERSONNEL REMAINING ON BASE.

2. WHEN MAKING PRESENTATIONS TO CALOGERAS, YOU SHOULD MAKE ONE MORE EFFORT TO RETAIN AUTHORIZATION FOR CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE MILK PLANT (OUR PREFERENCE WOULD BE FOR YOU TO DO THIS PRIVATELY, AFTER FINAL PLENARY). YOU SHOULD

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EXPLAIN TO CALOGERAS THAT US GOVERNMENT INVESTED HEAVILY

IN CONSTRUCTION OF THIS MODERN FACILITY ON THE ASSUMPTION
THAT IT WOULD CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE TO SERVE LEGITIMATE
NEEDS OF US PERSONNEL AND THEIR DEPENDENTS. UNLIKE OTHER
ACTIVITIES WHICH HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED AS DEPENDENT SUPPORT,
THE MILK PLANT DOES NOT DRAW DEPENDENTS TO THE BASE AND

SHOULD, THEREFORE, IN OUR VIEW, BE CONSIDERED AN
INDUSTRIAL PLANT IN SUPPORT OF US PERSONNEL SERVING
MUTUAL DEFENSE INTERESTS. KISSINGER

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